GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SELLING OF TEXTBOOKS TO SCRAP DEALER
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of text books meant for children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan have been sold to scrap dealer and found in a scrap godown;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry in the matter has been conducted;

(d) if so, the details and outcome therof;

(e) the action taken against the persons found guilty; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATC IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a.) to (f): Two instances of sale of free textbooks meant for distribution under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan have come to light in Dhar and Betul districts of Madhya Pradesh. Enquiries were instituted at the local level in both instances and also by the Government of India in one case. Individuals found prima facie involved in these irregularities were suspended and police cases registered against them. Government of Madhya Pradesh has taken measures to ensure proper distribution of free textbooks by ensuring printing of the label free textbooks-not for sale` on the textbooks and developing a detailed plan and calendar for monitoring textbooks distribution in the academic sessions 2007-08.